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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship BURMAH, 1,025 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander J. Sharp, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 13th February 1872, at 4 P.M.

Feb. 1872.		Feb. 1872.	
Leave BOMBAY	13	Leave Colombo	22
" Ratnagerry	14	" Galle	23
" Vingorla	14	" Negapatam	26
" Carwar	15	" Madras	29
" Mangalore	16	March.	
" Cannanore	17	" Coconada	2
" Tellicherry	17	" Vizagapatam	3
" Calicut	18	" Bimlipatam	3
" Beypore	18	" Gopaulpore	4
" Cochin	19	" False Point	5
" Allepey	20	Arrive CALCUTTA	6
" Tuticorin	21		

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie District, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut or Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussora, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, MAHOMERAH, and BUSSORAH.

The Steam-ship CASHMERE, 1,028 Tons, 300 H. P., Commander J. Avery, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 16th February 1872, at noon.

Feb. 1872		March 1872	
Leave BOMBAY	16	Leave BUSSORAH	0
" Kurrachee	20	Arrive Fao	6
Arrive Guadur	21	" Bushire	9
" Muscat	23	" Linga	13
" Bunder Abbas	25	" Bunder Abbas	15
" Linga	27	" Muscat	17
" Bushire	29	" Guadur	19
March.			
" Fao	2	Leave Kurrachee	22
Arrive BUSSORAH	3	Arrive BOMBAY	25

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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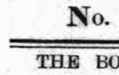
STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY from January 26th, at noon.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Scorr, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 9th February, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

Fares from Bombay to

Class.	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Oorun.	Hog Island.	Oolwa.
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
First Class	2 0	3 0	2 0	3 0	3 0
Second Class	0 12	1 0	0 8	0 12	0 12
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 6	0 8

The Rewas and Dhurumtur Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M. The Oorun, Hog Island, and Oolwa Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M. Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

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LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

REDUCED PASSAGE RATES.

THE fine Clyde-built Full-powered Steamer ATALANTA, 2,300 Tons Register, 400 H.P., G. Mathews, Commander, will SAIL for LIVERPOOL via the SUEZ CANAL, about the 10th of February. The Passenger accommodation being placed amidships, the Cabins are well ventilated, and free from the motion of the Engines. Will carry a Surgeon and Stewardess.

First Class Fare to Liverpool £45 {Exclusive of Wines, &c.

Children under 10—Half Fare; under 3—Free.

Plans of the accommodation can be seen in our Office.

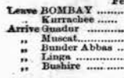
For passages only apply to

JOHNSON & Co.,
Ship-brokers.

Nesbit Lane, Fort, Bombay.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.



The Company intends to despatch every month a Steamer from TRIESTE to BOMBAY and *vice versa*. The Steamers APIS and SPHINX have only limited accommodation for a small number of Passengers. The rates for Cabin Passengers include food and table wine transit through Egypt, and free conveyance in 3 cwt. luggage. For Baggage in excess £4 per Ton is charged.

The SPHINX, 1,400 tons, will be despatched from Bombay on or about the 10th February, the URANUS, 3,383 tons, on or about the 10th March, the HUNGARIA, 3,652 tons or another LARGE Passenger Steamer, on or about the 10th April.

PASSENGER RATES FROM BOMBAY PER APIS AND SPHINX.

	Cabin.		Deck, with Food.
To Trieste	£40	.....	£19 0
To Port Said	£30	.....	£14 6
To Suez	£28	.....	£13 7
To Aden	£16	.....	£ 7-13

The Imperial Mail Steamer URANUS, 3,308 Tons, 400 H.P., which has since last accommodation for a large number of Passengers, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess, will leave Bombay on or about the 10th March.

RATES OF PASSAGE PER URANUS AND HUNGARIA.

	1st Class.		2nd Class.		Deck.
To Trieste	£50 0	.....	£35 0	.....	£19 0
To Port Said	£37 0	.....	£23 0	.....	£14 6
To Suez	£36 0	.....	£22 0	.....	£13 7

Children under 3 years of age, Free; above 3 and under 10 years, Half Fare.

Cargo taken for Trieste, also for Venice, Constantinople, and Odessa, Acona, Egypt, England, and the Continent generally.

THERE is also a weekly service by MAIL STEAMERS between Alexandria and Trieste, and *vice versa*, in connunction with the P. & O. Co.'s Mail Steamers to and from Suez. The Austrian Lloyd's Mail Steamers leave Alexandria direct for Trieste immediately after the arrival of the Bombay and Calcutta Mails from Suez. The distance between Alexandria and Trieste is 200 miles shorter than that between Alexandria and Marseilles, and the voyage to Trieste is much more agreeable, it being a coasting trip full of variety of beautiful scenery from the Island of Candia to the Port of Trieste. The passage occupies only 4½ days, and the Company's best Steamers are employed on this service, with special reference to the comfort of Passengers, and have on board the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have on board the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have on board the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have on board a Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller finds such an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller such an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller such an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET dull and quiet

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 6th Feb., 9 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom, via Russia, 6th Feb., 12-47 P.M. From Continent of Europe, via Russia, 5-h Feb., 8-19 P.M.; via Turkey, 5th Feb., 7-30 P.M. Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Fao; Persian line right to London.

LONDON, 6th Feb., 2 P.M.—Latest date from Calcutta, 6th Feb., 4-49 P.M.

COLABA OBSERVATORY.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS made at the Government Observatory, Colaba, latitude 18° 53m. 45s. N.; long. 4h. 51m. 25s. E. Height of Barometer above the Sea = 37 feet.

January—February	Mean daily values derived from 24 hourly observations. Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fahr.	Temperature of the Air.	Wet-bulb Thermometer.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity of Air.	Extent of cloudy Sky (the whole sky clouded = 1).	Maximum temperature of Air read at 9 P.M. on the day of observation.	Minimum temperature of Air read at 6 A.M.	General Direction.	Wind. Movement in 24 hours.
	In.	°	°	°						
29	29·932	73·7	68·0	65·7	·790	0·2	78·6	68·2	N, NW, N	291
3	·943	72·5	68·2	66·1	·803	0·1	79·1	67·0	N, NE, NW, NNW	235
31	·948	72·4	67·4	64·2	·729	0·1	77·9	67·6	NNW, N, NNW	380
1	·973	70·3	64·3	59·9	·72	2·2	74·3	66·7	NNW, N, NW, NNW	421
2	·914	75·4	62·6	57·7	·632	...	78·4	67·8	N, NNE, NW	241
3	·890	72·5	68·1	63·0	·806	1·1	79·4	67·0	NW, W	118

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—6TH FEBRUARY.

London	Cotton	£3	0s. 0d. Nominal.
	Cases	£3	0s. 0d. do.
	Seeds	£2	15s. 0d. do.
Liverpool	from Ships Cotton	£2	15s. 0d. to £2 17s. 6d
	Wooden Ships	£2	15s. 0d.
	Gunnies & Coir bills	£2	10s. 0d.
	Seeds	£2	5s. 0d.
Havre	Cotton	£3	2s. 6d.
	Coffee		
Overland	Steamers	£3	15s. 0d.
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£3	5s. 0d. to £3 15s. 0d.
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs.	6 per bale.
	Opium	Rs.	25 to 30 per ches'
	Sailing Ships	Rs.	4 per bale nominal
Calcutta	Salt	Rs.	5 0 0 per ton
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs.	20 and Calcutta Port charges
Mauritius		Nothing doing	

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
6	Bombay	Jordan	Newcastle, Sept. 5.
	Sir J. R. Carnac (s).	Gammon	Carwar, Feb. 3.
	Tethys	Evans	Cardiff, Oct. 8.
	Corn	coombs	Shields, Sept. 29.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
6	Sir J. R. Carnac (s).	Gammon	Coast and Carwar.
	Eagle	Warness	Akyab.

The ship Prince Leopold, to Liverpool, began to load yesterday.

DAILY IMPORTS.—6TH FEBRUARY.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Atalanta (s), 11 British bar iron, Khimjee Jeewa.

FROM LONDON.

Ardgowan, 14 cases ohlmstores, 15 cases bacon, and 7 cases cheese, Shapoorjee Rustomjee Sookia; 11 cases candles, Dawoodbhoy Abdoolhoosein; 604 bars hammered iron, Owen and Okell.

Roodee, 232 cases sherry, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

St. Olaf (s), 3 cases claret, 3 cases champagne, 4 cases burgandy, 2 cases mossels, 1 hds. gin, 3 cases harmitage, 1 case hock, and 5 cases brandy, Thacker, Vining and Co.

Nelson, 1 case glassware, Soolamanjee Rajabally.

Khimjee Oodoojee, 12 packages earthenware, Nanseebhoy Khan Mahomed.

FROM SCIZ.

Sphinx (s), 3 cases colours, Heptoola Tyabjee.

DAILY EXPORTS.—6TH FEBRUARY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Norah Greame, 100 bales cotton, Dulputbhoy Rhagoobhoy; 110 bales cotton, Jeevraj Balloo; 16 bales cotton, Dhunjee Jetha.

Jane Lee, 415 bags cotton, Muthabhoy Nanjiani & Co.

Sam Mendel, 90 bales cotton, Robertson Brothers.

Manila, 200 bales cotton, Nusserwanjee Merwanjee & Co.; 50 bales cotton, Goolam Hoosoon Fazul & Co.; 50 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.; 75 bales cotton, Goverdhundass Cursonlall; 49 bales cotton, Toolseedass Vurjdass; 200 bales cotton, Greaves Cotton & Co.; 42 bales cotton, Venichund Juttadass.

Undaunted, 76 bales cotton, Morarbhoy Vizbhoosan; 200 bales cotton, Ritchie Steuart & Co.; 65 bales cotton, Nathoomul Goverdhundass.

Penguin (s) 130 packages galls, Visram Ebram & Co.; 40 bales wool: Meejee Premjee; 4 bales hides, Shair Mahomed Futtay Mahomed; 200 bales cotton, Finlay Muir & Co.; 1 bale cotton, Munro Newsom & Co.; 52 bales cotton, Muthabhoy Vizbhoosan; 39 bales cotton, Hurjeevan Vussonjee; 27 bales wool, Narotumdass Jaithabhoy; 97 bales cotton, Motilall Rathee; 75 bales cotton, Hurridass Soonderdass; 49 bales cotton, Framjee Sands & Co.; 288 bales cotton, Bhowan Ramjee.

Atalanta (s), 90 bales wool, Callianjee Pitamber; 3,200 bundles coir yarn, Soonderdass Vagjee; 330 bales cotton, Finlay Muir & Co.; 31 bales cotton, King & Co.; 300 bales cotton, C. S. Nadershaw; 75 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.; 3 0 bales cotton, A. Blaschcek & Co.; 95 bales cotton, Gooljee Bohitram.

William Corry (s), 13 bales wool and 115 bales cotton, Kessowjee Pitamber & Co.; 62 bales cotton, Hurridass Soonderdass; 105 bales cotton, N. J. Ebram; 48 bales cotton, Meejee Heerjee; 300 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.; 28 bales coir yarn, J. P. Cornforth & Co.; 10 bales cotton, Robertson Brothers.

Durham (s), 50 bales cotton, Runchordass Bapoobhoy.

Khedive (s), 55 bales cotton, Currimbhoy Ebram; 100 bales cotton, Killick Nixon & Co.; 220 bales cotton, A. Blaschcek & Co.

Stirling (s), 1,000 bundles galls, Soonderdass Vagjee; 2,220 bundles coir yarn, Gheerdhuridass Mooljee; 300 bales hides, Oomer Hoosen; 100 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee Touche & Co.; 500 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.; 220 bags wheat, Nuthoo Dossa; 55 bales cotton, N. J. Ebram.

Prince Leopold, 340 bundles myrabollams, Lowjee Vagjee.

Augusta, 1,000 bundles myrabollams, Ludha Veerjee.

Bella Maria, 31 bags saltpetre, Luckmedass Sewjee.

FOR LONDON.

Khedive (s), 4 bales hides, Cassumbhoy Nanjee; 15 cases fishmaws, Khakeebhoy Nansee; 4 bales woolen carpets, S.S. Narrelwalla; 90 boxes Socotra aloes, Ludhabhoy Khakey; 2 bundles E. teeth, Shureeff Durveh; 19 pieces E. teeth, Khakeebhoy Nansee; 33 bags coffee, Mooljee Gangjee.

FOR HAVRE.

Glenvon, 26 bales hides, S. Tyebjee & Co.; 1,000 bales cotton, Jules Siegfried & Co.

Ivanhoe, 210 bales cotton, Doongersee Gopejee; 82 bales cotton, Venichund Juttadass.

FOR FALMOUTH.

M. de St. Aldegonde, 200 bales cotton, H. Cleson & Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Khedive (s), 100 bales wool, Canjee Meejee.

FOR TRIESTE.

Sphinx (s), 3 bags coffee, Ralli Brothers; 100 bales cotton, E. Spinner & Co.

Khedive (s), 330 bales cotton, Knoop & Co.; 150 bags coffee, H. Bomanjee Touche & Co.

SALES AND PURCHASES.

THE undermentioned Sales are reported to have been made yesterday by European houses:—

PIECE GOODS.

					Rs. A. P.
500 pieces	Grey Shirtings	40 inch 39 yds.	6	lbs.	4 5 0
250	" " "	40 " 39	6¾	lbs.	4 8 0
500	" " "	40 " 39	7	lbs.	4 12 0
500	" " "	40 " 39	8¼	lbs.	5 11 0
250	" " "	45 " 39	8	lbs.	5 10 0
500	" " "	45 " 39	8	lbs.	5 10 6
500	" " "	45 " 39	9	lbs.	6 8 0
250	" " (fine)	45 " 39	7¼	lbs.	5 3 0
500	" " "	40 " 39	6¾	lbs.	4 8 9
1,000	" " "	40 " 39	6	lbs.	4 4 6
1,500	" " (fine)	40 " 39	7	lbs.	4 13 0
1,000	" " "	40 " 39	8¼	lbs.	5 10 0
1,500	" Madapollams	32 " 24	3	lbs.	2 3 0
750	" " (fine)	32 " 24	3	lbs.	2 4 0
500	" Shirtings	45 " 39	8	lbs.	5 8 0
750	" Printers	25 " 30	3¼	lbs.	3 1 0
2,000	" "	40 " 39	8¼	lbs.	5 10 0
2,000	" Jaconets	40 " 39	2½	lbs.	2 2 6
2,000	" "	40 " 39	2½	lbs.	2 2 6
2,000	" "	45 " 39	2½	lbs.	2 8 0
1,000	" "	40 " 39	2½	lbs.	2 2 6
1,250	" Mulls, No. 1	40 " 39			1 5 3
1,250	" " 2	40 " 39			1 7 3
1,250	" " 3	40 " 39			1 9 3
1,250	" " 4	40 " 39			1 11 3
1,000	" Colored Sarries T. B.	45 " 8			3 2 0
300	" "	40 " 8			1 15 0
150	" Turkey Red Cambrics	24 " 28			4 13 0
200	" "	32 " 24			5 3 0
300 pairs	White Dhoties	45 " 9			2 9 0
150	" "	45 " 10			2 3 0

COTTON.

				Rs. A. P.
250 candies	New Karicalee (45 days)	...	...	Rs. 281
50 "	" Broach M.G. (ready)	...	...	" 291
75 "	" "	...	...	" 280 to 290
50 "	" "	...	...	" 291
50 "	" "	...	...	" 287
325 "	" Akote (full pressed, ready)	...	...	" 279 to 280
50 "	" Oomrawuttee (ready)	...	...	" 276
250 "	" (20 days)	...	...	" 275
50 "	" (ready)	...	...	" 272
250 "	" (30 days)	...	...	" 275
100 "	" Dhollera (10th May)	...	...	" 265
250 "	" "	...	...	" 283 to 285
100 "	" Agra (ready)	...	...	" 293
200 "	Old Veerumgaum (with selection)	...	...	" 226
25 "	New Broach (ready)	...	...	" 272

YARNS.

					As. 11¼ to 11¾
12,000 lbs.	Mule	No. 40	...	...	
6,000 "	"	" 40	...	...	" 11
4,500 "	"	" 40	...	...	" 11¼
3,600 "	Water	" 40	...	...	" 13¾
7,500 "	Coloured	" 40	...	...	" 13¾

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 6.

Nicholson, Captain, 108th Foot, on duty, from Poona.

Ducat, Major, 19th N. I., from leave, from ——).

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, Feb. 3.)

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Consequent on the return from furlough of Mr. F. Wright, District Supt. of Police, the following changes are made in the Berar Police, with effect from the 22nd ult.:—

Mr. F. Wright, District Supt. of Police, 2nd grade, to officiate in the 1st grade.

Mr. N. R. Cumberledge, Offg. District Supt. of Police, 1st grade, to revert to his officiating position in the 2nd grade.

Capt. C. Jameson, Offg. District Supt. of Police, 2nd grade, to revert to his substantive position in the 3rd grade.

Mr. Inspr. Doonia Sing, in charge of office of District Supt. of Police, to revert to his duties of Inspector.

The Rev. W. Simpson, a Senior Chaplain on the Ben. Est. has been granted by H. M.'s Secy. of State for India an extension of leave on medical certificate for six months.

The Rev. J. F. Boswell, a Junior Chaplain on the Ben. Est. has been permitted by H. M.'s Secy. of State for India to resign the service from the date of the expiration of the leave for two years on medical certificate granted to him by the Chief Commr. of British Burmah, under date the 2nd Feb. 1870.

The Gov. Genl. in Council is pleased to appoint the Rev. J. M. Thomson, M.A., Chaplain of the Church of Scotland on the Ben. Est. to be Senior Chaplain, in succession to the Rev. R. Henderson, and with effect from the date of his retirement, viz., the 14th Oct. 1871.

It is hereby notified that under the power reserved to him by sec. 1. of Act XXXIII. and XXXIV. Vic., chap. 59, H. E. the Govr.-Genl. in Council is pleased to extend the operation of the aforesaid Act in the Bombay Presidency from the 9th Aug. 1870 till the 7th Aug. 1871, and to direct that all deeds, contracts, and instruments of the nature mentioned in the said Act, executed previous to the 7th day of Aug. 1871, shall be read as if this Notification had issued previous to their execution.

The following arrangements are made in the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India:—

Capt. A. Pullan, Ben. S. C., Asst. Supt., 1st grade, to officiate as Depy. Supt., 3rd grade, from the 11th Dec. 1871.

Mr. W. H. Cole, M.A., Offg. Depy. Supt., 3rd grade, to revert to his substantive appointment as Asst Supt., 1st grade, from the 17th Dec. 1871, the date of Capt. T. T. Carter's return from furlough.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Capt. W. G. Hughes, Asst. Commr. of the 1st grade, in British Burmah, to be Supt. of the Hill Tracts of Arrakan, with effect from the 1st Nov. 1871.

Col. R. C. Lawrence, C.B., Resident in Nepaul, is granted subsidiary leave of absence for thirty days, from the 2nd March next, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it, to proceed to Bombay for the purpose of appearing before a medical board, with the view of obtaining furlough to Europe on medical certificate.

Asst. Surg. T. H. Hendley, in medical charge of the Meywar Bheel Corps, has been granted one month's privilege from 15th Parts II., III., Jan 1872.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

In exercise of the power conferred by sec. 5 of the Indian Income Tax Act XII. of 1871, the Gov. Genl. in Council is pleased to exempt from the operation of the said Act so much of the income of the inhabitants of the Jynteah Hills as accrues and arises in those hills, and is not chargeable under either of the Parts II., III., and IV. of the said Act.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned officers have reported their return from England:—

Surg. C. C. W. Wilson, of the Med. Dept., date of arrival at Bombay, 28th Oct. 1871.

Lt.-Col. (Brevet Col.) D. S. Dodgson, Inf., date of arrival at Fort William, 21st Jan. 1872.

The services of Surg. C. C. W. Wilson, of the Med. Dept., are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt. of Bengal, with effect from the 4th Dec. 1871.

Native Medical Pupil Rohuth Hossain (No. 251), admitted into the service in G. O. G. O. No. 916, dated 20th Oct. 1871, having refused to join his appointment, is dismissed the service, with effect from the 1st June 1871.

The undermentioned officers are permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs:—

Lt. Col. (Brevet Col.) Folliott Walker Baugh, Inf., for two years, under the regulations of 1858, embarking at Bombay.

Capt. Fendall Currie, of the late 1st European Light Cav., City Mag., Lucknow, Oudh, for two years, under the regulations of 1858.

The services of Lt. J. F. Hewson, Royal Engrs., are placed at the disposal of the P. W. D.

Supernumerary Sup. John Charles Morice, of the Med. Dept., is brought on the establishment of Surgeons to fill an existing vacancy.

The following orders issued by the Govt. of Bombay are confirmed:—

Granting furlough to Europe to Surg. John Charles Annesley, of the Med. Dept., for two years, under the regulations of 1868.

Granting furlough to Europe on medical certificate to Lt. James Brown, of the Royal Engrs., Asst Engr. 2nd grade, Depy. of the W. 1st Div., Indore Railway, for two years, under the regulations of 1868.

The undermentioned officer has reported his return from England:—

Capt C. K. M. Walter, of the Ben. S. C., Political Agent, Eastern States of Rajpootana, date of arrival at Bombay, 17th Nov. 1871, date of departure on furlough, 24th Nov 1869.

Under the authority of the Right Hon the Secy of State for India, Capt James Stuart Melville, unattached, is placed on the retired list on the pension of a Capt. viz. 10s. and 6d. per diem, as a special case, with effect from the 15th inst.

The undermentioned officers of the Med. Dept., having completed twelve years service, are promoted to the rank of Surgeon, from the date specified, under the provisions of G. G. O. No. 1099 of the 23rd Dec. 1864, subject to H. M.'s approval:—

Asst Surgs. George William Jamson; Henry Cookson; Robert Wiseman Cunningham, M.D.; William Moir, M.B., and Thomas Gray Skardon, 20th January 1872.

The undermentioned officers are permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs:—

Capt. Edward Harvey Webb, of the Genl. List, Inf., 1st Wing Sub., 5th Regt. N. (Light) L, for two years, under the regulations of 1858.

The Rev. W. Simpson, a Senior Chaplain on the Ben. Est., has been granted by H. M.'s Secy. of State for India an extension of leave on medical certificate for six months.

The Rev. J. F. Boswell, a Junior Chaplain on the Ben. Est., has been permitted by H. M.'s Secy. of State for India to resign the service from the date of the expiration of the leave for two years on medical certificate granted to him by the Chief Commr. of British Burmah, under date the 2nd Feb. 1870.

The Gov. Genl. in Council is pleased to appoint the Rev. J. M. Thomson, M.A., Chaplain of the Church of Scotland on the Ben. Est. to be Senior Chaplain, in succession to the Rev. R. Henderson, and with effect from the date of his retirement, viz., the 14th Oct. 1871.

It is hereby notified that under the power reserved to him by sec. 1. of Act XXXIII. and XXXIV. Vic., chap. 59, H. E. the Govr.-Genl. in Council is pleased to extend the operation of the aforesaid Act in the Bombay Presidency from the 9th Aug. 1870 till the 7th Aug. 1871, and to direct that all deeds, contracts, and instruments of the nature mentioned in the said Act, executed previous to the 7th day of Aug. 1871, shall be read as if this Notification had issued previous to their execution.

The following arrangements are made in the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India:—

Capt. A. Pullan, Ben. S. C., Asst. Supt., 1st grade, to officiate as Depy. Supt., 3rd grade, from the 11th Dec. 1871.

Mr. W. H. Cole, M.A., Offg. Depy. Supt., 3rd grade, to revert to his substantive appointment as Asst Supt., 1st grade, from the 17th Dec. 1871, the date of Capt. T. T. Carter's return from furlough.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Capt. W. G. Hughes, Asst. Commr. of the 1st grade, in British Burmah, to be Supt. of the Hill Tracts of Arrakan, with effect from the 1st Nov. 1871.

Col. R. C. Lawrence, C.B., Resident in Nepaul, is granted subsidiary leave of absence for thirty days, from the 2nd March next, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it, to proceed to Bombay for the purpose of appearing before a medical board, with the view of obtaining furlough to Europe on medical certificate.

Asst. Surg. T. H. Hendley, in medical charge of the Meywar Bheel Corps, has been granted one month's privilege from 15th Parts II., III., Jan 1872.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

In exercise of the power conferred by sec. 5 of the Indian Income Tax Act XII. of 1871, the Gov. Genl. in Council is pleased to exempt from the operation of the said Act so much of the income of the inhabitants of the Jynteah Hills as accrues and arises in those hills, and is not chargeable under either of the Parts II., III., and IV. of the said Act.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned officers have reported their return from England:—

Surg. C. C. W. Wilson, of the Med. Dept., date of arrival at Bombay, 28th Oct. 1871.

Lt.-Col. (Brevet Col.) D. S. Dodgson, Inf., date of arrival at Fort William, 21st Jan. 1872.

The services of Surg. C. C. W. Wilson, of the Med. Dept., are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt. of Bengal, with effect from the 4th Dec. 1871.

Native Medical Pupil Rohuth Hossain (No. 251), admitted into the service in G. O. G. O. No. 916, dated 20th Oct. 1871, having refused to join his appointment, is dismissed the service, with effect from the 1st June 1871.

The undermentioned officers are permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs:—

Lt.-

LOREE BUNDER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I would solicit space in your columns to point out a public want in the shape of a landing-place at the Boree Bunder. This bunder is a great thoroughfare for passengers embarking for and disembarking from vessels trading to such ports as Cutch, Ratnagherry, Anjinwell, &c., &c., and in addition to that, that of the crews of all country craft,—and they on an average number a hundred, lying off the bunder. The only means of landing now is that which nature has provided, and that, I can assure you Sir, is of the roughest description, insomuch so, that it is really painful to see females, more especially those in an interesting condition, clambering over the uneven ground strewn with large stones to get to and land from boats. That put institution, the "Bunder Fees," must derive a considerable revenue from the levy of the impost on goods which usually accompany passengers, and it is, I think, only reasonable to expect that in return its representative, Mr. Ryan, should adopt measures to immediately supply the want I have mentioned; and I don't think I can be blamed for saying that its absence shows—to use the mildest term—a great amount of thoughtlessness. As economy is the order of the day, and a stone pier may be thought too expensive an undertaking, I would suggest that a wooden one be constructed, which could be done at a very moderate cost, and would *pro tem* answer as well.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

BOMBAY.

IT is stated that Colonel James, Commissariat Examiner, is to be appointed Resident at Katmandu.

INFANTICIDE.—The body of a new-born native child was found by the police yesterday morning in a dust bin in Mahomed Syed Mookhree Street.

ALL the followers who accompanied Jemnabae, Ranee of the late Khunderao, Gaekwar, have returned to Baroda. The Ranee is still at Poona, awaiting the settlement of her allowance.

THE KING OF SIAM.—It is the bungalow of Mr. Jewraz Baloo at Malabar Hill, and not of Mr. Nowrojee Ardaseer Davur, that has been rented for the King of Siam.

VEHAR LAKE.—The height of water in the tower of Vehar Lake up to Saturday last measured 42 feet 7 tenths; on the corresponding date of the previous year it was 52 feet.

DISTRICT PLEADERS' EXAMINATION.—We understand that about 415 candidates are to appear at the examination for the office of district pleaders, which commences from Monday next.

PICK-POCKET.—Tatia Baloo, a Hindoo vagrant, was yesterday sentenced by the Senior Magistrate to receive fifteen stripes, for stealing from the pocket of one Sewram Jeyram a ten rupee note and four rupees in cash.

THEFT OF WEARING APPAREL.—In the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, a Maratha named Balla Ramjee was sentenced by Mr. Cooper to receive ten stripes, for stealing several pieces of wearing apparel belonging to one Antone John.

THE PETITION OF THE NERIAD PEOPLE.—The *Jam-i-Jamshed* states that the reply given by Government to the people of Neriad, who prayed for a class to be opened in connection with the Gujerat Training College for teaching useful arts, is not satisfactory.

HIGHWAY ROBBERIES AT AHMEDABAD.—The *Sumsheer Bahadur* complains that the crime of highway robbery has considerably increased of late in the Ahmedabad district. Very recently highway robberies took place in three of the talookas of the collectorate.

VAGRANCY ACT.—James Bennett, a European, was charged before the Magistrate at the Girgaum Police Court yesterday with being a vagrant and wandering about without any visible means of subsistence. He was ordered to be sent to the Government work-house under the Vagrancy Act.

VICTORIA THEATRICAL COMPANY.—It will be seen from an advertisement in another column that the above company give another performance to-night for native families. No play presents greater charms for native ladies than the sensational play of "Goolay-Bukawlee;" and the company may reasonably look out for a bumper house to-night.

THEFT AT THE BOREE BUNDER STATION.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Connon, a Hindoo broker named Govind Ganesh was charged with stealing a bale of dry gitzer, the property of the G. I. P. Railway Company. He admitted the offence and was sentenced to receive twenty stripes, to be inflicted on the goods' platform, Boree Bunder Station.

TWO MORE DEATHS FROM THE FALL OF A HOUSE IN THE NATIVE TOWN.—Rahutbaee, girl, aged about nine years, and Dewkee, woman, aged about forty years, who were seriously injured by the falling of a house in Comber Bowel Street on the 26th ultimo, died on Monday at the Jamsetjee Hospital. The matter was reported to the Coroner, who issued a warrant for the disposal of the bodies.

EXAMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF SUBORDINATE JUDGE AND VAKEEL.—We understand that the Judges of the High Court have appointed a committee of the following gentlemen to conduct the examination of candidates for the office of Subordinate Judge and of Vakeel:—The Hon. Mr. Justice Melvill, Mr. Raymond West, Registrar of the High Court, and Mr. Branson, barrister-at-law.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to be played by the Band of H. M.'s 83rd (County of Dublin) Regiment at the Colaba Bandstand this evening:—

March	Der narrische Kerl	Pavia.
Overture	Dragon de Villars	Michael.
Selection	Grand Duchess	Offenbach.
Valse	Perich le	Coote.
Introduction with Chorus, Ernani		Zimmer.
Galop	Hit and Miss	Hertel.

MURDER AT BELGAUM.—A short time ago, at a Court of Criminal Sessions held at Belgaum before M. Sandwith, Esq., Acting Session Judge, one Mallapa Nursapa, aged thirty years, caste Canarese dhobie, was charged under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code with murder, by stabbing with a knife or knives one Summapa Tummana, dhobie, and Gowree, woman. The accused was convicted and sentenced to death. The High Court on a review of the proceedings confirmed the sentence of death passed upon the accused.

THE MAMLUTDAR OF AHMEDABAD.—A few days ago Mr. Cassinath Mshadew, the mamlutdar of Ahmedabad, visited Keshawa Prasad, the head of the Swami Narayen persuasion at Ahmedabad, on some business. When about to leave Keshawa wished to present the mamlutdar with wearing apparel, &c. Mr. Cassinath refused to accept the present, but Keshawa pressed him to accept it, and said that every officer who had visited him had accepted similar presents. The mamlutdar, when pressed very much to accept the present, brought it with him, and has sent it, with a report of how he got it, to the Collector of the district.

THE LATE POLICE INSPECTOR OF BROACH.—It will be remembered that in the course of last year Cowashaw Rustomjee, late inspector of police at Broach was tried before Mr. M. A. Eates, then full power magistrate of the station, for criminal misappropriation, and was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000. The accused appealed against the decision of the full power magistrate to the District Judge of Surat, who confirmed the conviction and sentence passed upon him. We now learn that an appeal has been preferred to the High Court against the above conviction and sentence on behalf of the accused.

THE EXTRAORDINARY REVENGE UPON A PRIEST FOR REFUSING TO ATTEND A FUNERAL.—On Saturday, the 28th January, the Rev. Antonio Pereira appeared before Mr. Cooper, the Second Magistrate of Police, and obtained summonses against four persons charging them with criminal trespass, intimidation, and insult. The charges were preferred in consequence of the defendants having placed a coffin containing a corpse on the dining-table of the complainant because he had refused to attend a funeral. Dr. Dallas (Messrs Dallas and Lynch) yesterday appeared before the magistrate on behalf of the complainant, stating that each of the defendants had tendered an ample apology, which had been accepted by his client, and consequently he had no wish to press the charges. Charges therefore withdrawn.

EXCITEMENT AMONG THE BOMBAY BARRISTERS.—We hear that there has been considerable excitement among the members of the Bombay Bar for the last two days, consequent upon the action proposed to be taken by a well known European member against a native member of it, and that the latter gentleman is threatened with discarment. Matters have taken a serious turn; and a meeting of all the members, with the exception of one or two, was held yesterday at the office of Mr. Lang to consider the points of difference between the two learned gentlemen. The complication seems to have arisen out of the recent proceedings connected with the notorious "Baroda Jewel Case"; and examination and re-crimination by one gentleman against the other follow in its train. We have not been able to learn the result of the meeting, which was a private one.

THE HINDOO PATEA MEETING.—The Hindu community of Bombay are making grand preparations to congregate on the 20th instant to offer up praise to God for the recovery of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. But we are extremely sorry to see party feelings exhibited even in such a sacred cause. Two batches of gentlemen have put forth, as well as, ere from our advertisement columns, two different invitations to assemble at two different places at the same hour to offer up prayers. Why this division? But this is not all. We find one gentleman, M. Venayekrao Juggonnath Sunkersett, figuring in both the invitations. How does he expect the public to honour his invitation at both places? There appears something shabby in this affair, and Mr. Venayek makes himself little in the eyes of the public by such childlike want of firmness.—*India-Prakash.*

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE S.S. TAGUS left Suez for Bombay on the 4th February.

THE SHIP BOMBAY, 955 tons, Captain F. C. Jordon, arrived yesterday from Newcastle with a cargo of 1,338 tons of coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Ewart, Latham & Co.

THE BARQUE OCEAN, 553 tons, Captain J. Roturior, arrived on the 5th instant from Bordeaux (7th October) with a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Nowrojee Ardaseer and Sons.

THE SHIP TETHYS, 1,219 tons, Captain J. G. Evans, arrived yesterday from Cardiff (8th October) with a cargo of 1,694 tons of coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Edward Bates & Co.

THE SHIP CORA, 1,400 tons, Captain R. H. Coombs, arrived yesterday from Shields (29th September) with a cargo of 1,950 tons of coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Grendon, Tippet & Co.

THE SHIP CITY OF PEKIN, 893 tons, Captain A. McEarchon, arrived on the 5th instant from Glasgow (27th October) with a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. W. Nicol & Co.

STATE OF THE TIDE AT BOMBAY.

HIGH WATER.		FEBRUARY.	LOW WATER.	
Time.	Height.		Time.	Height.
H. M.	FT. IN.		H. M.	FT. IN.
9 37 m	7 1	Wednesday ... 7	4 0 m	2 7
10 49 a	7 1		4 1 a	7 11
10 31 m	4 9	Thursday 8	4 50 m	3 8
11 39 a	7 2		5 51 a	8 2
11 26 m	5 5	Friday 9	5 36 m	4 8
...	...		5 38 a	8 2
0 8 m	7 11	Saturday.. ... 10	6 19 m	5 8
0 15 a	5 10		6 22 a	7 9
0 47 m	7 10	Sunday 11	7 2 m	6 1
1 1 a	7 3		7 6 a	6 11
1 27 m	7 5	Monday..... 12	7 42 m	6 2
1 44 a	5 4		7 45 a	5 11
2 0 m	7 4	Tuesday..... 13	8 21 m	5 11
2 28 a	4 7		8 27 a	4 7

New Moon—9th, 6h. 42m., A.M

THE PERSIAN FAMINE FUND.

YESTERDAY afternoon a meeting of the Persian Famine Committee was held in the Town Hall. The Honourable Munguldas Nathubhoy, C.S.I., occupied the chair, and among those present were Captain Robinson, Narayen Wassudew, Esq., Kurim Mahomed Sullimon, Esq., W. M. Wood, E-q., and Gerald Seymour Fitzgerald, Esq., Honorary Secretary.

The Chairman proposed, and Captain Robinson seconded—"That the Honorary Secretary be empowered to draw cheques from the Bank of Bombay from time to time as they may be required."

An appeal having been made by Pira Arekelian on behalf of the Christian community in Persia, it was proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Captain Robinson—"That Father Arekelian be informed by the Honorary Secretary that the committee regret that they are unable to comply with his request to vote a donation for the exclusive relief of the Christian community in Persia, but would prefer that their relief should be distributed through Colonel Pelly, whose local knowledge will enable him to render assistance where it is most required."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

HIGH COURT.

(Before CHIEF JUSTICE WESTROPP.)

ACTION UPON A BOND.

After the case Nurseydas Jitram against Gungapa bin Sowmortee had been postponed,

Mr. Leathes (instructed by Messrs. Keir, Prescott, and Winter) appeared for the plaintiffs in the case Cowasjee Jamsetjee and Rutconjee Jamsetjee against Major A. P. Davis. The summons had been served on Major Davis at Karrachee, but no appearance was made. He was now pursued upon a bond, which had conditioned for payment of Rs. 1,000 at 9 per cent. per annum, and was payable by two equal instalments of Rs. 500 on the 18th February 1871 and the 18th February 1872, with compound interest for the sum, and in case of default at the rate of 9 per cent per annum, and in default of payment of the first instalment it was to be recoverable by the plaintiff.

Rattonjee, one of the plaintiffs, was called as a witness, and deposed to the amount of the bond, and that no payment had been made by Major Davis either on account of principal or interest.

Mr. Leathes asked for a decree for the sum of Rs. 1,166 11, with interest calculated from the 18th February 1871 down to the 28th November 1872, and for a decree for further interest till judgment at the same rate and the usual rate from judgment at the rate of 6 per cent. until payment.

The Chief Justice—I will say with interest at 9 per cent, but the bond is very informal. I give a decree for the plaintiffs for Rs. 1,000, with compound interest thereon at 9 per cent. per annum from the 18th February 1871 down to the 6th February 1872, and costs, and simple interest on the amount of this judgment from the 6th February till payment.

CASE FOR THE LONG CAUSE LIST—WALJIBHOY KHIMJEE AND OTHERS *v.* PEERBHOY ESSUBJEE AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Bala Mungesh Wagle appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Starling for the defendants.

Mr. Starling—We have filed a written statement, and apply for consent to transfer the cause to the long cause list. Some plaintiffs have been communicated with, but they consent only to the case being postponed for a month pending negotiations for settlement. The action is brought upon a contract for the sale of rattan canes. We admit the contract, but when the canes were sent we refused to take them because their quality was inferior. Thereupon a reference was made to certain parties, and they told us to take them, and they would decide what allowance should be made to us for the difference of quality, and the award was that we should pay a price less than was originally agreed upon. We have calculated the value of these canes, and we have brought the balance into Court. Of course we shall have to prove all these facts, and I think your Lordship could hardly take it as a short cause.

Mr. Wagle—We deny that there was any reference whatever made as is alleged in the written statement, and I am instructed to mention that this is an attempt to gain time. The money brought into Court is not what the plaintiffs claim.

Mr. Starling—Rs. 246 have been brought here.

Mr. Wagle—But what is wanted is Rs. 2,185, with interest from December last.

The Chief Justice—What is the payment which has been made on account?

Mr. Wagle—Rs. 10,900 for canes. From the account annexed to the plaint in this case it will be seen that payments have been made from day to day after the alleged reference made.

The Chief Justice—That might still be in pursuance of the arrangement made by the arbitrators. The case is certainly not one for a short cause.

Mr. Wagle wanted to have the case called on at an early day.

The Chief Justice—It does not strike me as a short cause, and I do not see why your clients should have a preference over others who have been waiting.

Mr. Wagle—I must submit, of course, to your Lordship's decision.

The Chief Justice—I think so.

Mr. Starling applied for costs.

The Chief Justice—Costs of the day to be costs in the cause, and then whoever is in the wrong will have to pay

SHREEKISSON BHIKUNCHUND *v.* GOMADMUL RUPPUNCHUND.

Mr. Starling appeared for the plaintiff, and there was no appearance made for defendant, although it was proved that he had been duly served with a summons upon the 21st January. The action arose from a settled account, and Rs. 1,336 had been paid out by the plaintiff on the defendant's behalf, of which only Rs. 300 had been repaid.

The Chief Justice decided to hear the case on Friday or Saturday, to allow of the production of necessary witnesses.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA *v.* JORAWURMUL GUNGHADUR.

Mr. Inverarity (instructed by Messrs. Manisty and Fletcher) appeared for the plaintiff. No appearance for the defendant, although the summons had been received by him at Akola. The action was for Rs. 2,525 2-0.

Cursetjee Cooverjee, clerk to Messrs. Farrar and Company, was called, and stated that 99 bales of cotton were consigned, through Messrs. Farrar, to England by the defendant. (Shown bills.) He drew these two bills against Farrar and Company against these consignments. The cotton was consigned to Liverpool, and the bills were drawn upon Wright, Jarvis, & Co., payable six months after sight. One bill was for £7,000 and the other for £89. They were drawn in favour of John Farrar & Co. They were endorsed by John Farrar in favour of the National Bank. On the 20th February 1871 he received a notice that the bills had been dishonoured in London, where they were accepted for payment.

Thomas Mathieson, acting accountant of the National Bank, said he received the notice of dishonour from the previous witness, and that the acting manager of the Bank had written to the defendant at Akola demanding payment of Rs. 2,525, the deficiency on the realisation of goods against his two drafts on Messrs. Wright.

Mr. Fletcher (of Messrs. Manisty and Fletcher, solicitors,) deposed that a formal letter had been sent to the defendant, stating that if the amount of deficiency upon the 99 bales of cotton hypothecated to the Bank against his two drafts upon Messrs. Wright, Jarvis, and Co., Liverpool, and which drafts were dishonoured, were not paid, legal proceedings would be taken.

Mr. Inverarity then asked decree for Rs. 2,525-2, with interest at 9 per cent., from the 3rd May 1871.

The Chief Justice granted the decree asked for, with costs, and simple interest on the judgment.

NON-APPEARANCE.

The case of Abdool Hoossein Shaik and another *vs.* the Great Eastern Spinning Company was struck off through non-appearance of parties.

This was all the small causes.

THE CANARA LAND SETTLEMENT CASE.

IN the High Court yesterday, Mr. Anstey appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Michael Westropp, and in the case of Vykoonta Bapoojee against Colonel Anderson, Settlement Commissioner for the Districts of Dharwar, Canara, Belgaum, Sattara, and Kullad ghee, and Mr. Shaw Stewart, Collector of Canara, moved for a rule for the defendants to show cause why they should not be restrained from proceeding to seizure and sale under the assessments imposed by one or other of them, and which assessments were in question in the High Court of Bombay and other Courts; and why, after the hearing of the rule, an *ad interim* injunction to the like effect should not go. Mr. Anstey then read the following affidavit, which professes to point out certain proceedings of Government in the case:—

I, Bapoojee Vykoonta, formerly of Canara, and at present residing in Bombay, the son and constituted attorney of the above-named plaintiff, solemnly affirm and say as follows:—

1. That in or about the month of September last, that is to say about five months after the institution of this suit in the District Court of Canara, the Collector of Canara, the second defendant in this suit, sold one of the pieces of land mentioned in the plaint filed in his suit owing to the plaintiff having objected to payment of the enhanced assessment levied according to the new settlement made under Bombay Act I. of 1865 and applied the proceeds towards satisfaction of such enhanced assessment.

2. That in December last the said defendant, as I am informed and believe to be true, issued and served on the plaintiff a notice for payment of the assessment according to the new scale, and thereby threatened that in default of payment of such assessment his lands would be sold by public auction.

3. That the plaintiff has repeatedly applied to the said second defendant both in writing and orally for an order that during the pendency of this suit the recovery of increased assessment be stayed, or that assessment in respect of the said lands may be levied at the old fixed rates, but the said defendant has refused to accede to plaintiff's application. The assessment in respect of the plaintiff's land according to the old rates amounts to Rs. 209 7-7, whereas the same according to the new settlement amounts to more than Rs. 550.

4. That the plaintiff is greatly apprehensive that the said second defendant will enforce the order made by him for the recovery of the increased assessment by sale of the plaintiff's land during the pendency of this suit, and thereby cause the plaintiff serious injury and put him to great damages, unless the said defendants be by an order and injunction of this Hon. Court restrained from enforcing payment of such increased assessment until the disposal of this suit or until further orders.

5. That similar recovery of increased assessment is enforced from other landowners in the said district, although the object of having this cause transferred into this Court was that the suit being a representative case the decision of this Court therein should guide decisions in other similar suits which are also dy or might hereafter be filed against the abovenamed defendants, and that the rights of the parties as to the increased assessment might be fully ascertained.

6. That copies of the correspondence passed between the solicitors for the plaintiff and defendants are hereto referred and believe hereunto annexed, and marked A, B, and C.

VYKOONTA BAPOO JEE *vs.* THE SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER, &c.

Dear Sir,—I am informed by the plaintiff's agent that the defendants are enforcing payment of the increased assessment in respect of the lands in that district of Canara, although the suit is pending here. This suit is a representative case and has been consented to be transferred here with a view to decide the general question, and no steps ought to be taken by Government against the landowners in the said district for payment of the increased rent assessment until the disposal of the suit. I have therefore to request you to be so good as to let me know whether the Government will put a stop to the operation of this Act, and enforcement of increased tax until the disposal of this suit, or otherwise I shall have to apply to the Court in reference to the same. An early answer is requested.—Yours truly,

Bombay, 24th Jan. 1872. C. TYABJEE.

VYKOONT BAPOOJEE *vs.* THE SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER.

Dear Sir,—I have to draw your attention to my letter to you of the 25th instant. An early answer is requested.—Yours truly,

Bombay, 29th Jan. 1872. C. TYABJEE.

SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER *vs.* VYKOONT BAPOOJEE.

Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and I have forwarded copies to Government, and on being instructed will reply to you in due course.—Yours truly,

Bombay, 29th Jan. 1872. RISLEY V. HEARN.

Mr. Anstey, after reading the affidavit, said—Since I have received this brief, I am informed by telegram this forenoon that a piece of the plaintiff's land has been actually sold.

The Chief Justice—In respect of this claim?

Mr. Anstey—Yes.

The Chief Justice—That is rather a curious proceeding.

Mr. Anstey—It is.

The Chief Justice—I understand there has been a sale before the removal of this case on account of this increased assessment. Am I to understand that there has been a further sale as you are informed now?

Mr. Anstey—There has been a further notice of seizure sworn to by affidavit which has been perfected since the affidavit was prepared, as my client has been informed by telegram.

Mr. Anstey then said he was informed that the property had been "attached."

The Chief Justice—That is a very different matter. However, that is not mentioned in the affidavit, and I cannot take notice of a mere oral statement. Nevertheless, you seem to have sufficient cause for a rule *nisi* for injunction. Even if the rule is made absolute with regard to the sale of land only, it seems to me, considering that the cause has been brought up here as a representative cause at the desire of Government, an extraordinary proceeding to levy or attempt to levy the enhanced rent until the representative cause were first disposed of.

Mr. Anstey—Then will your Lordship's order run thus, "The defendants in this suit, which is considered as representative" &c.?

The Chief Justice—No; I will not say anything about that. This cause is pending in this Court, and the proper course for the plaintiffs in the smaller suits at Canara will be, if the defendants persist in going on with the levying of the enhanced rate, and if the plaintiffs' grounds in obtaining an injunction, to apply to the Court at Canara for an injunction, which will likely be granted if the decision here is accepted as a guide.

Mr. Anstey—I was not present when the consolidation rule was obtained—

The Chief Justice—There was no consolidation rule.

Mr. Anstey—Then I cannot understand how this can be treated as a representative suit.

The Chief Justice—It may be accepted as a guide by the courts below. The statement that it was a representative suit was made simply by the Advocate General and concurred in apparently by the other side, but there was no consolidation rule.

Mr. Anstey—Then I would ask your Lordship to omit in the order the words "in this case only."

The Chief Justice—I say that it is only in this case I would grant it.

Mr. Anstey—But I was apprehensive that you would express that in the order.

The Chief Justice—No; there is no necessity for expressing it on the face of the order, but of course it will be perfectly understood that the injunction will be applied to this case only.

The order of the Court was then drawn out as follows—"That the Court grant a rule to show cause why the defendants respectively should not be restrained from enforcing or proceeding to enforce payment of the enhanced assessment mentioned in the affidavit until the hearing of the cause; and further order an *ad interim* injunction to go against them proceeding to levy or otherwise until the return of this rule—the same to be returnable on Saturday the 17th inst. A copy to be served on the Government Solicitor."

The Chief Justice told the Prothonotary to speed the drawing out of the order.

The next hearing on the motion will accordingly take place on the 17th inst. before the Chief Justice and Justice Melville.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

THE following epitome of the reports on the state of the season and prospects of the crops up to the end of January appears the *Gazette of India*:—

If we trisect the continent of India by east and west lines, running—one through the great central mountain ranges above Nagpore, and the other through the high table-land between the Godavery and the Kistna rivers—we shall find each of the three divisions presenting a uniform and distinct phase in the subjoined returns.

In the northernmost, including the Punjab, N. W. Provinces, Oudh, and the greater part of Bengal, the weather has been damp or showery, and the spring-crops generally give fair promise, though in places, especially in Oudh and the N. W. Provinces, they have been injured by rain, hail, or blight. To the extreme east the weather has been drier, and the prospects are uniformly good.

In the central division, which comprises a portion of the Central Provinces, the Berars, parts of Chota Nagpore, and Cattack, and the two northern districts of the Madras Presidency, there continues a marked, though not as yet severe, drought, felt most apparently in the districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam.

In the southern division, that is, in Mysore and the remaining districts of the Madras Presidency, the weather has been dry, and the agricultural prospects are almost universally favourable.

No report has been received from Bombay and Rajpootana.

THE BURIAL GROUNDS AND BURNING GROUNDS BILL.

THE following is the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill for the Regulation of Burial-grounds and Burning grounds in the territories subject to the Government of Bombay:—

The Select Committee appointed to consider the provisions of Bill No. 7 of 1870 (A Bill for the Regulation of Burial grounds and Burning-grounds in the territories subject to the Government of Bombay) beg to report that they approve of the principle of the Bill.

A clause has been added to section 3 rendering it incumbent on the Collector or other officer under this Act to provide a burial or burning-ground, or place for the exposure of the dead, in lieu of the ground or place directed to be disused for the above purposes, and directing that in order to avoid inconveniences to the public the new burial or burning ground or place for the exposure of the dead should be provided before the old one is closed.

Section 5 has been expanded into three sections, for the sake of increased clearness, and the duty of providing the funds for burial or burning-grounds established under this Act has been imposed upon the Municipal Commissioners in those places where Act XXVI. of 1850 is in force, and upon the Local Fund Committees in other places.

Some slight verbal alterations have been made in section 9, and in the title of the Bill.

(Signed) H. P. ST. G. TUCKER.
MUNGULDAS NUTHOOBHOY.
M. K. KENNEDY.
JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY.

5th February 1872.

A NOISY PIECE OF JOCKERY.—The cup that cheers.

THE drum major who ran away from Chicksaugga when reproached with cowardice, replied—"I'd rather be a coward all my life than be a corpse fifteen minutes!"

THE BOMBAY CIVIL FUND FRAUDS.

AT the Criminal Sessions of the High Court yesterday, the case of the Queen *v.* Gunputrow Madhowrow, head clerk in the Bombay Civil Fund office, was tried before Sir Charles Sargent and a common jury. The prisoner was charged with forgery, abetment of forgery, and criminal misappropriation in respect of two contingent bills for Rs. 750 and Rs. 310 drawn upon the fund. In the language of the indictment, he was charged with fraudulently making false documents for the above amounts, purporting to be receipts, acknowledging the payments of money signed by Mr. Herbert Mills Birdwood, the secretary of the Civil Fund, with the intention of causing it to be believed that such documents were made with the authority of the said Mr. Birdwood, by whose authority he knew that they were not made; 2, with abetting the above offence; and 3, with using as genuine false documents. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Farran, instructed by Messrs. Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile, prosecuted; and Mr. Scoble, instructed by Messrs. Dallas and Lynch, appeared for the defence.

Before the trial commenced, Mr. Ferguson obtained the permission of the Court to proceed upon the first six of the charges only, namely, those in respect of the items of Rs. 750 and Rs. 310, which would, he said, greatly simplify the case.

Mr. Ferguson, in addressing the jury, briefly stated the facts of the case. This prosecution was instituted by members of the Bombay Civil Fund against the prisoner, who in 1870-71 was the head clerk in the Civil Fund office. He took advantage of his position and forged, or abetted the forgery of, contingent bills drawn upon the fund. The two bills in reference to which he was at present charged were for Rs. 750 and Rs. 310. The Civil Fund was subscribed to and maintained by members of the Civil Service. All the members contributed a monthly subscription, which was not paid in cash, but was deducted by the Accountant General out of the monthly salaries of the members. The Accountant General furnished to the Secretary a monthly statement of the receipts and payments on account of the fund, which was invested in trustees. The bills for contingent expenses were submitted to the trustees for sanction, and upon their being initialed by the assistant secretary and signed by the secretary, they were paid at the Government Treasury. There were certain officers connected with the fund, namely, the secretary, a Covenanted servant, the assistant secretary, an Uncovenanted servant, and three clerks. The secretary was allowed Rs. 13 a month for stationery; and other sums were allowed for contingent expenses by bills drawn upon the treasury. But besides these, there were other expenses of printing the proceedings of the meetings for the information of the members. The prisoner, as head clerk, drew up memoranda of the current bills due and submitted them with the bills for examination and sanction. These were initialed by the assistant secretary and signed by the secretary. The bill was then receipted and taken by the clerk to the General Treasury for payment. It was the duty of the assistant secretary, when the money was brought, to make an entry of the receipt of the money in his cash-book, and make it over to the prisoner for the purpose of being paid to the parties to whom it was due. It was the duty of the prisoner to pay the bills, and to append the receipted bills to the memoranda, and then they were entered in the books as paid. It was the duty of the prisoner to make out a yearly statement of accounts from the monthly statements. This was checked by the assistant secretary, with the assistance of the prisoner. The yearly statement was then sent to the Accountant General to be audited. This was the general system of check and counter-check. Asking the jury to bear in mind this practice of the office, the learned counsel briefly stated the facts connected with the present charge. Prisoner took to Mr. Hynes the yearly statement ending 31st March 1871; prisoner sat by his side; and they carefully checked off all the items with the statements furnished by the Accountant General. Up to that a fair copy was prepared in July last, and it was sent for audit to the Accountant General. In the following month prisoner went and told Mr. Hynes that he was informed by a clerk in the Accountant General's office that two items of Rs. 750 and Rs. 310 had been omitted from the yearly statement. Mr. Hynes, having still confidence in the prisoner, ordered a supplementary statement to be prepared of the two items of Rs. 750 and Rs. 310. It was prepared by prisoner and initialed by Mr. Hynes, and was then submitted to Mr. Birdwood, who refused to sign it, remarking that the omission must be the result of gross carelessness. After some conversation with Mr. Hynes, however, Mr. Birdwood subsequently signed the supplementary statement on the 2nd September last. On the 2nd December, Mr. Hynes and Mr. Birdwood had some conversation about the two contingent bills referred to. Prisoner then said he had shewn the bills to Mr. Hynes. He was asked to produce them again. He made a show of searching for them, and said they could not be found. Here, therefore, independent of Mr. Hynes' statement, was the prisoner's admission that he had produced the two bills to Mr. Hynes. After communication with the Accountant General's office, the two bills as well as others were discovered to be forgeries. It was found that the two items of Rs. 750 and Rs. 310 were wholly fictitious and had never been paid. On the 3rd December, Mr. Birdwood sent for the prisoner and took down his statement in writing, in which prisoner said that the clerk Soares was never sent to the Treasury to cash the bills. The Treasury clerks would be called, and they would state that Soares did cash the bills and received the money. Soares admitted, in the presence of Mr. Birdwood, that the prisoner sent him to cash the bills, and that he got the money and paid it to him. Prisoner and Soares were then given in custody. The latter was subsequently discharged, as there was no evidence against him. The jury would perhaps incline to the conclusion, upon the evidence to be adduced, that there was no clear proof that the prisoner committed the forgeries; but there could be no doubt that he was fully cognisant of the other charges; that he knew that the bills were forged, and with that knowledge used them as genuine.

Mr. Herbert Mills Birdwood said he was at present Judge of Ratnagherry and a member of the Bombay Civil Service. He was Secretary of the Bombay Civil Service Fund. It is a fund which is supported by contributions by members of the Civil Service, and the object of it is to provide pensions. Upcountry, the deductions from the monthly salaries of the members are made by the Collectors, and in Bombay by the Accountant General. The office establishment in Bombay consisted of witness himself, Mr. Hynes, assistant secretary, and three clerks Gunputrao, Sadanand, and Soares. The payments on account of the fund were never made in witness's office. There were contingent expenses in the office for printing, the pay of the clerks, &c. Contingent bills were prepared in the office. It was the duty of the clerks to prepare the bills and to attach them to a memorandum, shewing the details of the work. The memorandum is generally prepared by the head clerk. It is afterwards initialed by the assistant secretary and signed by the secretary. The bill was then receipted and taken by the clerk to the General Treasury for payment. It was the duty of the assistant secretary, when the money was brought, to make an entry of the receipt of the money in his cash-book, and make it over to the prisoner for the purpose of being paid to the parties to whom it was due. It was the duty of the prisoner to pay the bills, and to append the receipted bills to the memoranda, and then they were entered in the books as paid. It was the duty of the prisoner to make out a yearly statement of accounts from the monthly statements. This was checked by the assistant secretary, with the assistance of the prisoner. The yearly statement was then sent to the Accountant General to be audited. This was the general system of check and counter-check. Asking the jury to bear in mind this practice of the office, the learned counsel briefly stated the facts connected with the present charge. Prisoner took to Mr. Hynes the yearly statement ending 31st March 1871; prisoner sat by his side; and they carefully checked off all the items with the statements furnished by the Accountant General. Up to that a fair copy was prepared in July last, and it was sent for audit to the Accountant General. In the following month prisoner went and told Mr. Hynes that he was informed by a clerk in the Accountant General's office that two items of Rs. 750 and Rs. 310 had been omitted from the yearly statement. Mr. Hynes, having still confidence in the prisoner, ordered a supplementary statement to be prepared of the two items of Rs. 750 and Rs. 310. It was prepared by prisoner and initialed by Mr. Hynes, and was then submitted to Mr. Birdwood, who refused to sign it, remarking that the omission must be the result of gross carelessness. After some conversation with Mr. Hynes, however, Mr. Birdwood subsequently signed the supplementary statement on the 2nd September last. On the 2nd December, Mr. Hynes and Mr. Birdwood had some conversation about the two contingent bills referred to. Prisoner then said he had shewn the bills to Mr. Hynes. He was asked to produce them again. He made a show of searching for them, and said they could not be found. Here, therefore, independent of Mr. Hynes' statement, was the prisoner's admission that he had produced the two bills to Mr. Hynes. After communication with the Accountant General's office, the two bills as well as others were discovered to be forgeries. It was found that the two items of Rs. 750 and Rs. 310 were wholly fictitious and had never been paid. On the 3rd December, Mr. Birdwood sent for the prisoner and took down his statement in writing, in which prisoner said that the clerk Soares was never sent to the Treasury to cash the bills. The Treasury clerks would be called, and they would state that Soares did cash the bills and received the money. Soares admitted, in the presence of Mr. Birdwood, that the prisoner sent him to cash the bills, and that he got the money and paid it to him. Prisoner and Soares were then given in custody. The latter was subsequently discharged, as there was no evidence against him. The jury would perhaps incline to the conclusion, upon the evidence to be adduced, that there was no clear proof that the prisoner committed the forgeries; but there could be no doubt that he was fully cognisant of the other charges; that he knew that the bills were forged, and with that knowledge used them as genuine.

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upon by further obstruction of even acting promotion? We have still to absorb some four or five settlement officers, who accepted settlement appointments *and left the commission to do so*, and who by now being allowed to resume their places in the commission, further stop the promotion of their juniors, some of whom had actually refused settlement appointments in the commission. Surely this is a point for Government to consider in favour of the unfortunate Oudh assistants—for, mark you, it was the *State* who *declined* to admit any guarantee in the case of those who entered the Settlement Department. And there is another point that the Government ought, in all fairness to bear in mind when considering the claims of the discontented N. W. P. junior civilians to promotion in this province to the detriment of the assistants of this province, and that is, that the vacancies in the regular line of the Oudh Commission, occasioned by the nomination of officers to the Settlement Department, were filled up by *junior members of the N. W. P. Civil Service*, and that more rapid promotion was *not* awarded to the Oudh assistants in the regular line. The Settlement Department took from the regular line Messrs. Macnaghten, Harington, Lang, Forbes, and Erskine, and got from the N. W. P., Messrs. Quinton, Wigram, Oldham, Lane, and Reid; the latter gentlemen were kindly sent us to take charge of our districts for as long as it suited them; they never *belonged* to this commission: they never ceased to belong to the N. W. P. The N. W. P. enjoyed a certain acceleration of promotion in consequence of their temporary absence; when it suited the books of these gentlemen to leave the province, they left it; and now that the last of them has taken his departure after retarding our promotion for some five years, the Settlement officers are coming back, and the junior members of the N. W. P. Civil Service want our acting appointments. Is it justice that dictates that our prospects be sacrificed for the sake of certain discontents in the junior branch of the N. W. P. Civil Service? Why are our rights to be disregarded, our interests set aside, our claims ignored, and our just hopes crushed? Are we not equally deserving of the favour of Government as the N. W. P. assistant? It is the hope that our rights will not only not be infringed, but scrupulously upheld—the hope of promotion in the regular line, according to our deserts—that helps to nerve us up year after year (slow though the promotion be) to work heartily and with zest; take this hope from us, rob us of every incentive to zeal by placing men from other provinces of shorter service, but larger powers of grumbling, over our heads; thoroughly reduce us to the position of slaves or living machines if you will; but expect not the same work of us, for this is impossible. That the junior members of the North-Western Provinces' Civil Service make no secret of what it is they are moving the Supreme Government to do to our detriment, is plain from "Hope Deferred's" letter in your columns, and Mr. Fisher's action while at Simla last year. All I can urge on the Oudh assistants is, look to your interests and beware in time.

SEMPER VIGILANS.

INTERESTING ITEMS OF RUSSIAN NEWS.

For the following extracts from recent Russian news papers we are indebted to the *Englishman*:—

Le Nord remarks on the effect of the Canal of Suez in developing the trade of Odessa with the East; pre vious to that Odessa was so remote from the Straits of Gibraltar, but one of the effects will be to give the tea trade hitherto in the hands of English merchants into the hands of Russian merchants. The *Turkestanetz* states that Sophronius, coadjutor to the Archbishop of Kherson, is likely to be appointed Bishop of Tashkhend. Many Chinese are flocking into the Russian provinces in Turkistan; they are described as sober and intelligent, some of them have become Christians and Russian subjects, and are likely to contribute greatly to the progress of civilization in Turkistan. A company of Russian merchants has been organised to carry on trade between Turkistan and Western China. The telegraph line between Russia and Turkistan will soon be finished, linking Verny with Tashkend. Kulja has surrendered to the Russians and the Sultan has abdicated. A brisk trade is being carried on from Astrakan with Khiva and Persia in cotton, dry fruits, and fish. The monks are on the decrease since the monopoly in Ecclesiastical offices has been withdrawn. Professors in Academies are now appointed from the secular clergy. The Provincial Assembly of Novrogod has spent in 1870 48,000 roubles on 453 elementary schools. A paper in St. Petersburgh shows that the effects of serf emancipation in the countries bordering on the Volga has been to increase the production and export of corn as well as to improve its quality; idlers have diminished, while the value of land has risen. The rural banks recently established in Russia have proved a great success. A manufacture of petroleum is very successful at Krasnodowsk on the Caspian Sea. The death is announced of Nicolas Tourgeneuf, formerly Secretary to Alexander the 1st, who was by writing and example the great advocate of serf emancipation, the Wilberforce of Russia. The taxes in Russia yield 300,000,000 roubles; of these 290,000,000 are paid by the poorer classes exclusively. The Russian military service is likely to be limited to the period of 4 years. Prince Bismarck, who is a good Russian scholar, has written to a Russian journal stating that his policy has ever been to maintain friendly relations between Germany and Russia based on mutual respect. Statistics have lately shown that the Russian peasants consume less spirits than those of Denmark or Belgium. A movement is being made to remove the protective duties on iron, as its high price prevents Russian engineers making railway waggons as cheap as the Germans do. The consumption of cotton has doubled in Russia since 1850, and it has risen double in selling value; two-thirds of it comes from America and India, the rest from the Caucasus and Central Asia. The Gazette of the Russian Academy maintains that railways in Russia will not interfere with fairs; the last fair at Nijni was a great success; articles to the value of 150 millions roubles were sent for sale, including 130 millions indigenous, 10 millions from Europe, China 7 millions, Khiva and Persia 11 millions. The sales amounted to 130 millions.

FRONTIER FORTIFICATION.

(*Bengal Times.*)

WRITING upon this subject on the 6th instant, we proposed the formation of three strong stockades, one near Looshai Haf, one in the north-east corner of the Hill Tracts, and a third on the eastern slopes of the Blue Mountain. At Looshai Hat we stated that a force of about 250 men should be stationed, a similar body at Talekmee, and about 350 men at the Blue Mountain and at the Head-Quarters of the District Officer. With this force of 1,200 men, composed chiefly of hill races—as they are so much better able to stand the climate—should be mingled a proportionate leaven of regularly trained fighting soldiers, Sikhs, Punjabees, &c., say, 75 at Looshai Hat and Talekmee, and 100 at each of the two central posts. At each of the four stations there should be two light steel guns such as were used in the Abyssinian Expedition, and each new post should be kept supplied by rivers or paths at its back, communicating with Cachar and the Hill Tracts of Chittagong. Having thus disposed of the force, we may now proceed to enquire what the duties of the frontier officers should be. Their first duty would be profitably directed to explain to the Looshai and Kookies that our intentions are peaceful, that so long as the tribes conduct themselves becomingly we are resolved to protect them from aggression, our object being to secure the means of punishing easily and promptly those that commit raids, or detain British subjects in captivity. We should moreover let it be widely known that the frontier territory is all our own, that there can be no trespass by British subjects on dominions occupied by the tribal clans through the sufferance of our Government, and that having compelled us to form posts and fortify stockades, they must be prepared for sharp and summary punishment for misconduct, or even an attempt to disturb the tranquility it is our policy to maintain. Thus far having disclosed our views, with our posts well guarded and good supplies of ammunition, we would be furnished not only with the means of punishing a raid, but also be comparatively close to the offenders whoever they might be, and upon a recurrence of a raid, all that we should find necessary, would be to send some officers to the Hills from Calcutta or elsewhere, in order to have a responsible leader for the force required for service, accompanied by as many as might be deemed requisite for the expedition, as well as to facilitate coolie and elephant carriage being pushed on to the frontier post whence the expedition would start. The force for the latter could be made up from two or more posts as might be convenient, leaving enough men to hold each while operations were being prosecuted—say for example, if the large Shindoo village near the Blue Mountain were to be attacked, 100 men might march from the District Officer's post and the same from Talekmee to the Blue Mountain post, which could furnish 150 more. In short by means of these posts about three-fourths of the distance a force has to march at present, would be already got over, while the paths would particularly reduce the rest of the distance and facilitate the work to be done considerably. In fact under such, the punishing of raiders would be a very different matter to the comparatively gigantic undertaking it now is. Another important duty of these officers would be to apply themselves seriously to establish friendly relations with the frontier tribes, and to acquire an accurate knowledge of their habits and modes of life, socially, domestically and politically. With such a visible show of strength and the knowledge that we have the means of doing what we like, the Kookies and others would no longer attribute our efforts at conciliation to fear, but on the contrary, would be disposed to value and feel grateful for them. The officers would do their best to dissuade the savages from raids and contests among themselves, and would study some plan for rendering them more industrious. In the course of a year or two should the present expedition fail in its object, we should be in a position to demand and recover all British subjects in the hands of the frontier clans, an object which it is our bounden duty to keep constantly in view, and secure with the least possible delay. This however would be only a fraction of the benefit likely to accrue from a permanent system of frontier fortification, a precaution so valuable that we purpose making it the subject of future notices.

THE STORY OF THE HTEE.

(*Pioneer.*)

On the spur of a hill overlooking Rangoon stands the great Shwe Dagon Pagoda of Burmah. Rising in three successive terraces of lessening size, a massive basement of brick-work, seventy-six feet high, supports the fane to which so many Buddhist eyes have turned of late with eager political expectation or glowing religious fervour. We purpose to lay before our readers some account of this great shrine, and to lift the curtain a little from the secret history of that strange ceremony which, some two months ago, was bruited over India as the hoisting of the Htee. The attention Anglo-Indians pay to Burmese politics is not perhaps very deep or intelligent, in spite of Mr. Talboys Wheeler's charming sketches in the *Calcutta Review* and *Englishman*. But men's minds are rather sated at present with military manœuvres and the Delhi Camp; the Viceroy's visit to his Transmarine Provinces excites a certain languid interest in the place; and after all the story is worth telling in our columns for its own intrinsic merits, as we hope in the course of our narrative to prove. First, let us try to realize what the Pagoda is. No petty temple this, lifting its puny spire to far off skies; but the grand monument of a people's faith, massive, imposing, time-defying, sanctified by legend, and having a well-marked place in Burmah's history. Beside it the temple of Solomon dwarfs into insignificance—St. Peter's at Rome but barely holds its own. Nine hundred feet in length, seven hundred feet in breadth, stretches the topmost terrace of the base on which the Pagoda stands. A solid cone of brick, the central mass itself, which forms the shrine, rises from a plinth four hundred feet square, in shape octagonal for ninety-five feet up. From this again it springs, a rounded spire, two hundred and seventeen feet further, and on the pinnacle of this last, crowning it with iron and gold and precious stones, there rests the Htee, whose topmost vane is four hundred and twenty-three feet from the roadway at the foot. This Htee, or umbrella-like canopy that shelters as it were the Pagoda below, is a characteristic feature of most Burmese temples. That which has just been placed on the Rangoon Pagoda consists of seven successive circular tiers of iron, the lowest of which is 135 feet in diameter, and weighs a ton and a third. The iron work is, however, all inlaid with beaten gold, and from the rim hang broad-tongued bells of precious metals that tinkle ceaselessly with every breath of air. The vane at the summit is one gleaming mass of jewels and gold, that sparkles fitfully under the moist sun of Burmah, but would blaze a splendid star under any clearer sky.

It is obvious that an elaborate and costly structure of this kind must suffer from the constant action of sun and rain, and it is the pious aim of every religious Burman to do his share in renovating and replacing the canopy of his favourite Pagoda. At times the excitement caused among an excitable people by the ceremonies attendant upon such a restoration is very great. Whole villages, towns, districts are wrought up to a pitch of holy zeal—such as only those can comprehend who have witnessed an Irish revival or an American Camp Meeting. If this be the case where the less famous shrines are concerned, we can easily imagine that any such ceremony affecting the Great Shwe Dagon temple, to which all Burmah turns praying eyes, would rouse throughout the country feelings which a foreign Government could not afford to overlook. No Burman even thinks of this Pagoda without a mental reference to its political import. When the Talain population of Pegu was conquered by the Burmese arms, the victors set about commemorating their success by beautifying and adorning this Pagoda of Rangoon. They intended not only thereby to mark their conquest, but to divert the religious thought of the people from the famous Buddhist Pagoda in Pegu to their own special maritime capital. The blessing of the first Htee marks, therefore, the conquest of Pegu by the founder of the present dynasty of Burmese Kings. During the reign of his son Tsinbyoo Yen the Talains rebelled, and when the revolt was crushed and the last Talain King slain, a new Htee was placed on the Rangoon Pagoda to grace the event. This was in 1774. Again, in 1841, the King of Ava visited Rangoon and decorated the Htee, as a propitiatory offering to his people and his gods, before he made war upon the English Hence the proverbs of the people, and the superstitions of the priests, associated with the renovation of this Shwe Dagon Htee certain political commotion and probable victories to the Ava dynasty. The act was any way looked upon as a sign of sovereignty, and its full significance was grasped by us only as it were at the eleventh hour. In 1869 the residents of Rangoon decided to re-gild the main structure of the Pagoda. Shortly afterwards the Prime Minister of Ava asked that the ornaments of the Htee might be sent to Mandalay to be renovated by the King. Hastily, and without due consideration, the late Chief Commissioner acceded to this request, and the King took advantage of the permission to construct an entirely new Htee framework, all which he fully intended himself to place with due pomp and significant ceremony upon the Pagoda. It was expected about February or March of last year, and great was the excitement among the people of Pegu regarding it. Rumours were abroad of differences between the British and Burmese Governments. The arrival of an Italian corvette, and the mission of her Commander to Mandalay, seemed to hint at fresh foreign alliances. The presence of an English gun-boat indicated to men's minds the proximity of conflict. A sudden outburst of violent crime marked the unrest of the people. Fortunately the despatch of the Htee was delayed, and Mr. Eden arrived in time to deal with the matter of its reception. With his usual quickness of intuition Mr. Eden grasped at once the main features of the case. He decided without hesitation that the sacred canopy should be elevated, not by His Majesty of Ava, but by the people of Rangoon. He induced the Burmese Court to fix the date of its despatch from Mandalay, so that uncertainty should no longer indefinitely agitate the popular breast. They chose the time of the great religious festival of the October full moon. Mr. Eden accepted this. The greater the control, the more apparent would it be that the King did no sovereign act in British territory. A committee of five leading Burmans of Rangoon was appointed to make all arrangements. With them was associated an old official of the leading Talain family of Pegu. The English Government recognizes no difference between Burman and Talain. Thanks to the tact of the Resident at Mandalay, the King abandoned his design without any untoward exhibition of chagrin, and contented himself with deputing an aged minister of his court to witness the ceremony on his behalf, and formally make over the Htee to the Chief Commissioner, who in turn made it over to the people of Rangoon. The preparations for the elevation, and the operation of removing the old canopy and hoisting the new, were entirely conducted by our own subjects, and the mechanical arrangements are said to have been a very miracle of native skill. For two month hundreds of artificers gave their labour gratis. For thirty days the actual task of raising the Htee to its place engaged the whole energies of Buddhist Rangoon. On the 26th of November the ceremony was complete. The total value of the Htee with its appendages is £62,291. The people of Burmah in gifts and labour contributed about £25,000 to the work. The value alone was so encrusted with jewels, both in Mandalay and Rangoon, that the value is at £4,000. During the progress of the hoisting, crowds of devotees flung their substance on to the ever-growing heaps of treasure at the elders' feet. Nearly three thousand bells of various metals, chiefly gold or silver, were given in Rangoon. Fifty thousand, and on some days a hundred thousand, people ceaselessly thronged the Pagada terraces. But so admirably were the police and other arrangements made, that no disturbance, almost no crime, occurred to increase the natural anxiety of such a time. Wild excitement there was truly. The clash was cymbals, the din of drums, the wail of pipes, the shouts of dancers, the strange contagion of a crowd,—all served to work the populace into fierce religious fervour. 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THE ROCK TEMPLES OF ELEPHANTA.*

MR. BURGESS, having devoted much time to the study of Indian Antiquities, is well qualified to describe in his introduction to this very handsome album the famous cave in the island of Gharapuri at Bombay. His previous illustrations of the history and condition of the "Temples of Shatrunjaya" and the "Temples of Somanath, Girnar and Junagadh" was exceedingly well done; but he seems to have devoted a truly wonderful amount of industry and research in describing the strange figures and traditions connected with Elephanta. The work contains a complete account of the Rock-Temple and the sculptures are elucidated from Kalidasa and other Sanskrit writers. The drawings, twelve in all, represent accurately the sculptures and basements under the statuary, and a *Kirttimukh* from the Great Cave, and the doors and pillars of the fourth Cave. In this part of the work the author's architectural training has stood him in good stead in the intelligent and accurate exhibition of details. These plans and drawings are done by the Government Lithographic Press, and their execution deserves great praise. Indeed the figure of the old stone elephant has all the clearness of the original copperplate in Captain Basil Hall's book of 1814. The photographs are large (12 by 9 inches), and have the exquisite tone and clearness for which Mr. Sykes's work is famous, even at home. They are:—1. Entrance of the Great Temple. 2. The Trimurti. 3. The Garbha or Linga Shrine. 4. Arddhanarishwara with the Trimurti. 5. Shiva and Parvati with the Trimurti. 6. The Marriage of Shiva. 7. Shiva and Parvati in Kailasa. 8. Ravana under Kailasa. 9. Mahakala. 10. Shiva dancing the Tandava. 11. Shiva as Mahayogi. 12. The East Wing of the Great Temple. 13. The Ganesha Chapel.

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THE SHIPPING INTEREST IN 1871.

THE following is from Messrs. Rucker, Offor, and Co.'s Annual Circular:—

"The business of shipowning was more profitable last year than in 1868, 1869, or 1870, the improvement being especially marked in the East India trade, in which, notwithstanding the opposition of steamers via the Suez Canal, sailing vessels realised remunerative freights. Whether the working of steamers has realised as favourable results is another matter; the heavy expense attending even the most modern constructions and the keen competition—particularly for outward freights—having already provoked an outcry against the over-building of this description of shipping property. It is notorious that goods have been carried by steam to Calcutta on terms scarcely sufficient to pay cost of taking on board, stowage, and delivery; while the coal engaged lower rates are paid to steamers than to sailing vessels, owing to the rapidity with which merchants are required to load and discharge them. Thus, while 25*l.* per keel is paid by sail to Bombay, 23*l.* is accepted by steam; the homeward freight being solely depended upon, and the only question being between going out with passengers and ballast instead of accepting the rates offered. Notwithstanding a very limited demand for tonnage from the Pacific throughout last year, and at such moderate rates of freight as to tempt few vessels in that direction which were suitable for other employment, East India freights ruled much higher than in the preceding year, and chartering on this side was more active than we remember it for some years. Freights from Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Ceylon, and Mauritius, have been and still are very remunerative. For next season's rice shipments the engagements of tonnage were unprecedentedly large, amounting, it is estimated, to about 193,000 tons of shipping. In comparison with 1870, the freights paid last year for the rice trade exhibit a material improvement, the rates ranging from 65*s* to 75*s*, against 55*s* to 67*s* 6*d* in the previous year; while for teak from Moulmein an advance of 15*s* to 20*s* per load was realised, a few freights for France being offered at 92*s* 6*d*, a higher rate than has been current from Moulmein for years. A good inquiry for steam tonnage home from Bengal, Madras and China trades for the present year; but although a considerable amount of produce comes to Europe by this means, freights on the spot were well maintained for sailing vessels via the Cape. A few steamers were chartered here for the pier ports at 9*s* 6*d* to 9*s*, but this trade is not likely to be materially affected by the Suez Canal route until steamers can offer all the facilities of sailing vessels. It is different with the Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and China trades for example, in which the bulk of the shipments are to direct ports of discharge and to various consignees; for these services steamers are better adapted, and a perfect revolution in the mode of forwarding is taking place. Take, for instance, the cotton supplies for Russia, which under the old system were obtained by sailing vessels from Bombay to Liverpool, thence by rail to Hull, where the re-shipment took place for Cronstadt or St. Petersburg during the summer season only, whereas by the facilities afforded by the Suez Canal the communication is direct between Bombay and Southern Russia all through the year, and thence by rail to Moscow and other markets in the interior. Freights from the Pacific were inactive last year, especially for the Peruvian guano trade, the engagements being very limited on the part of the old consignees whose contracts are expiring, and the new contractors operating only to an extent too limited to affect the freight market. A large trade appears likely to spring up in the importation of guano from the extensive deposits in Bolivia, tonnage being in demand from Mexillones at 50*s* for London, Liverpool, or Hamburg. Outward freights in the long trades were very low throughout the year, especially to the ports east of the Cape, and, in consequence, an unusually large number of vessels either went out in ballast or with coals or salt on ships' account. The decline in rates does not appear to have arisen from any falling off in the shipment of coals, coke, and fuel, the quantity exported in the 11 months ending 30th November last being returned at 11,823,381 tons, against 10,709,822 tons in 1870, the shipments to India being last year considerably in excess of the year preceding. The short trades did not participate in the general improvement in freights to so great an extent as the more distant markets, but in some instances, such as the Brazil Coast, United States, (grain), and the Baltic timber trade to from Canada, much better terms ruled than in the previous year."

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LIVERPOOL SHIPS AND SHIPPING DURING 1871.

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